SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.—

A.—39. (*a*) Government are aware that there is unemployment amongst educated young men.

(*b*) Figures are not easily available.

MR. TUDKI RAMANNA GOWDA (Tirthahalli Taluk).—

Q.—40. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) What is the amount of assessment that is being collected on the arecanut gardens of Tirthahalli, Nagar, Sorab and Koppa Taluks every year (details in respect of each taluk to be given separately);

(*b*) What is the amount of expenditure incurred to raise arecanut crops; have the Government collected statistics; if so, how much;

(*c*) Has it come to the notice of Government that the price of arecanut has fallen and it is being sold at Rs. 5 to 6 per maund now;

(*d*) Are Government aware that, in view of the existing low price for arecanut the garden owners are reduced to poverty and find it difficult to realise for their garden produce money sufficient even to meet the cost of cultivation and to pay kandayam on their lands;

(*e*) Have Government found out what the average income per acre on *bagayet* lands is as per present rates; if so, how much;

(*f*) What is the average assessment per acre on these *bagayet* lands in each taluk;

(*g*) What is the income and expenditure per acre according to the report of the Director of Agriculture;

(*h*) When was that report sent; what was the price of arecanut then?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A—40. (*a*)

		Rs.
Tirthahalli	...	84,549
Nagar	...	20,841
Sorab	...	10,995
Koppa	...	54,654

(*b*) Please see answer to clause (*g*).

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Please see answer to clause (*g*).

		Rs.	a.	p.
(*f*) Tirthahalli	... ...	13	0	0
Nagar	... ...	10	0	0
Sorab	... ...	7	6	0
Koppa	... ...	10	0	0

(*g*) Expenditure Rs. 90 to 200; income Rs. 90 to 210.

(*h*) In December 1935 Rs. 6 to 8 per maund.

MR. B. MARULAPPA (Hosadurga Taluk).—

Q.—42. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) (i) Whether they are aware that the Vedavati river is flowing through the Hosadurga Taluk crossing the Holalkere–Huliyar road at Kellodu;

(ii) If so, whether any bridge is constructed over the said river at the crossing place;

(*b*) Whether it is not a fact that due to heavy floods in the river and on account of the spread of back-water in the Vani Vilasa Sagara, traffic of every kind was held up for more than 10 months the year before last over the said road; and, if so, what convenience have the Government created for passage across the river, which even now is not easily fordable;

(*c*) Whether repeated representations have not been made to Government to undertake the construction of a bridge over the river; and, if so, what action has been taken to remedy this long-standing grievance;

(*d*) Whether it is a fact that the Department of Public Works have prepared an estimate for rupees one lakh and odd; if so, at what stage the estimate stands;

(*e*) Whether it is not a fact that the Chief Engineer of Mysore had inspected the spot in 1935; if so, what action has been taken to expedite the matter;

(*f*) Whether it is not a fact that the District Board have agreed to pay their quota of contribution towards the construction of this bridge;

(*g*) Whether it is not a fact that Government have been pleased to agree to make adequate provision in their budget for 1935-36 towards the construction of this bridge?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—

A.—42. (*a*) (i) The answer is in the affirmative.

(ii) No bridge has yet been constructed.

(*b*) There was some inconvenience for traffic during a few months. The President, District Board, was requested to open a ferry service.

(*c*) Yes. Alternative estimates for the construction of a bridge are prepared.

(*d*) An estimate amounting to Rs. 1,10,000 for a girder bridge on screw piles has been prepared and the same is under scrutiny in the Superintending Engineer's Office.

(*e*) Yes, an alternative estimate for a screw pile bridge, as per Chief Engineer's instructions, has been prepared and it is under scrutiny as stated above.

(*f*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*g*) No. A provision of Rs. 10,000 has been made in the draft budget for 1936-37.

MR. CHANNAGIRI RANGAPPA (Davangere Municipality).—

Q.—43. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that survey operations to electrify Davangere town (through Honnali) are being conducted;

(*b*) If so, when the said operations began and when they may be expected to be completed;

(*c*) (i) What the cost of such electrification might come to;

(ii) Whether funds for the purpose would be provided for in the budget of the next year;

(*d*) Whether there is power enough to meet the requirements at Sivasamudram and to spare for Davangere town as well;